

and Vice Chairman of the select Committee, respectively.”.

(f) **REPORTS.**—Section 4(a) of S. Res. 400 is amended by inserting “, but not less than quarterly,” after “periodic”.

(g) **STAFF.**—Section 15 of S. Res. 400 is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 15. (a) The select Committee shall hire or appoint one employee for each member of the select Committee to serve as such Member’s designated representative on the select Committee. The select Committee shall only hire or appoint an employee chosen by the respective Member of the select Committee for whom the employee will serve as the designated representative on the select Committee.

“(b) The select Committee shall be afforded a supplement to its budget, to be determined by the Committee on Rules and Administration, to allow for the hire of each employee who fills the position of designated representative to the select Committee. The designated representative shall have office space and appropriate office equipment in the select Committee spaces, and shall have full access to select Committee staff, information, records, and databases.

“(c) The designated employee shall meet all the requirements of relevant statutes, Senate rules, and committee clearance requirements for employment by the select Committee.”.

(h) **NOMINEES.**—S. Res. 400 is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 17. (a) The select Committee shall have final responsibility for reviewing, holding hearings, and voting on civilian persons nominated by the President to fill a position within the intelligence community that requires the advice and consent of the Senate.

“(b) Other committees with jurisdiction over the nominees’ executive branch department may hold hearings and interviews with that person.”.

TITLE III—COMMITTEE STATUS

SEC. 301. COMMITTEE STATUS.

(a) **HOMELAND SECURITY.**—The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs shall be treated as the Committee on Governmental Affairs listed under paragraph 2 of rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate for purposes of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

(b) **INTELLIGENCE.**—The select Committee on Intelligence shall be treated as a committee listed under paragraph 2 of rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate for purposes of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

TITLE IV—INTELLIGENCE-RELATED SUBCOMMITTEES

SEC. 401. SUBCOMMITTEE RELATED TO INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT.

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established in the select Committee on Intelligence a Subcommittee on Oversight which shall be in addition to any other subcommittee established by the select Committee.

(b) **RESPONSIBILITY.**—The Subcommittee on Oversight shall be responsible for ongoing oversight of intelligence activities.

SEC. 402. SUBCOMMITTEE RELATED TO INTELLIGENCE APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established in the Committee on Appropriations a Subcommittee on Intelligence. The Subcommittee on Military Construction shall be combined with the Subcommittee on Defense into 1 subcommittee.

(b) **JURISDICTION.**—The Subcommittee on Intelligence of the Committee on Appropriations shall have jurisdiction over funding for intelligence matters.

TITLE V—EFFECTIVE DATE

SEC. 501. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This resolution shall take effect on the convening of the 109th Congress.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 5, 2004, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on the nomination of Pamela Hughes Patenaude, of New Hampshire, to be Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee be authorized to meet on Tuesday, October 5, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., on E-Rate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 5, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., to hold a hearing on the Millennium Challenge Corporation: A Progress Report.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, October 5, 2004, at 10 a.m., in SD-342 to consider the nomination of Gregory Jackson to be an Associate Judge of Columbia Superior Court.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet for a hearing entitled “Reducing Childhood Obesity: Public-Private Partnerships to Improve Nutrition and Increase Physical Activity in Children” during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 5, at 10 a.m., in SD-430.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Tuesday, October 5, 2004, at 10 a.m., in SD-226.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 5, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a special meeting of the committee to consider a resolution related to recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 5, 2004, for a markup on the nominations of Robert N. Davis, to be a Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims; Mary J. Schoelen, to be a Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims; William A. Moorman, to be a Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims; and Robert Allen Pittman, to be Assistant Secretary, Human Resources and Administration, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

The meeting will take place in S-216 in the Capitol, immediately following the first rollcall vote of the Senate after 3 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Nancy Faulk, who is a fellow in my office, be given the privilege of the floor today.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

VETERANS’ COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 2004

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 705, S. 2483.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2483) to increase, effective as of December 1, 2004, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I have sought recognition to comment briefly on legislation which was reported, after a unanimous affirmative vote, by the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs on July 20, 2004, and which is the subject of my request today that the bill be unanimously approved by the Senate. S. 2483 would grant to nearly 3 million beneficiaries who receive certain “cash-transfer” payments from the Department of Veterans Affairs, VA, a cost-of-living adjustment, COLA, increase in their benefits effective with checks received on or after January 1, 2005, and thereafter.

An annual cost-of-living adjustment in veterans benefits is an important tool which protects veterans’ cash-